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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

HUNTER et al.

Serial No.: 10/071,751

Filed: February 7, 2002

Atty. File No.: 2618-17-C4-PUS-2

For: "NOVEL ECTOPARASITE SALIVA  
PROTEINS AND APPARATUS TO  
COLLECT SUCH PROTEINS"

) Group Art Unit: 1652  
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) Examiner: Steadman, David  
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) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
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) **EXPRESS MAIL: EL975241265US**  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of two (2) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 22, 2003, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from November 22, 2003, to January 22, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$210 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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